Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

A base station (not shown) receives a stream of information bits for input into a wideband decoder 40. Wideband decoder 40 may be configured to output a waveform in accordance with G.722 ITU-T or any other waveform that is not band limited to 3400 Hz. Variances in the bandwidth of the waveform will not affect the scope of this embodiment. A control element 41 (not shown) in the base station makes a determination as to whether the output of the wideband decoder 40 will be transmitted to a narrowband terminal. Methods and apparatus for determining whether to convert the wideband signal to a narrowband signal are described below. If the output of the wideband decoder 40 is to be sent to a narrowband terminal or a narrowband system, then the control element 41 (not shown) activates a switch 42 to send the wideband decoder output to a wideband-to-narrowband conversion apparatus 44. The wideband-to-narrowband conversion apparatus 44 comprises a bandwidth switching filter (BSF) 46 whose output is coupled to a down-sampler 48.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 10, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

A base station (not shown) receives a stream of information bits for input into a wideband decoder 50. Wideband decoder 50 outputs a waveform in accordance with G.722 ITU-T or any other waveform with frequency components higher than 3400 Hz without affecting the scope of this embodiment. A control element 51 (not shown) in the base station makes a determination as to whether the output of the wideband decoder 50 will be transmitted to a narrowband terminal or through a narrowband system. If the output of the wideband decoder 50 is to be sent to a narrowband terminal or through a narrowband system, then the control element 51 (not shown) activates a switch 52 to send the wideband decoder output to a wideband-to-narrowband conversion apparatus 54. The

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wideband-to-narrowband conversion apparatus 54 comprises a down-sampler 56 whose output is coupled to a bandwidth switching filter (BSF) 58.